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SUBJECT.

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C5. From F. A. Resident.

No. 3694 D/7-8-03.

Forwards copy of Circular No. 14. D/24-7-03 issued by the Offg. Genl. Supt. Thagi and Decoity Deptt. requesting to be communicated with any particulars in regard to Shaik Abdulla, Herati &c.

To the I. G. of Police.

No. 413 D/7-8-03.

Forwards copy of the above with the Memorandum for information and guidance.

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THE FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE
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To

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MORANDUM.

On the 14th May 1903, the Officiating Political Resident in Turkish Arabia reported that one Shaikh Abdul Ali, Herati, bringing a passport of 1901 signed by Colonel Chenevix-Trench, Consul-General at Meshed, had come to him with the following story:—

"He said the Persian Mullas and Mujtahids at Karbala and Nejf were very indignant at the loan which the Shah had taken from Russia, and wished to bring pressure to bear on the Shah to make him pay it off. He said the Mullas and Mujtahids had prepared a scheme by which this debt could be paid off almost at once.

"He wanted me to forward the letters of the Mullas and Mujtahids to the Shah through the British Ministry in Tehran, because, he said, if they were forwarded through the Persian Consul-General, they would not get beyond the Grand Vizier, and the Shah would never see them. When I told him that I was not prepared to comply with this request, he then asked me for a passport in order that he himself might be the bearer of these letters. I told him that, as the bearer of such letters, I was not prepared to give him a passport. He said he was authorised by Sir Mortimer Durand, when Minister at Tehran, to undertake this rôle: but he could, of course, produce no such authority, and ended by saying that his Dragoman had told him that Sir Mortimer Durand approved of this.

"It might be of interest to ascertain what is known about this man at Meshed or Tehran. He is going about as a British subject, interfering without any apparent authority in the internal affairs of Persia, and in the relations of that country with Russia, and his self-appointed mission may give rise to all kinds of rumours and misunderstandings. He may be an emissary of the Russian Consul-General here".

C. S. B. Circular No. 14.

Dated Simla, the 24th July 1903.

A copy of the foregoing Memorandum is circulated to all Special Branches, for information, and with the request that any further particulars which may be known or come to light in regard to Shaikh Abdulla, Herati, and his antecedents, may be promptly communicated to the C. S. B.

D. E. McCracken,

Officiating General Superintendent,
Thagi and Dakaiti Department.

To

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Copy of the foregoing Circular is forwarded to the Dewan of Mysore.

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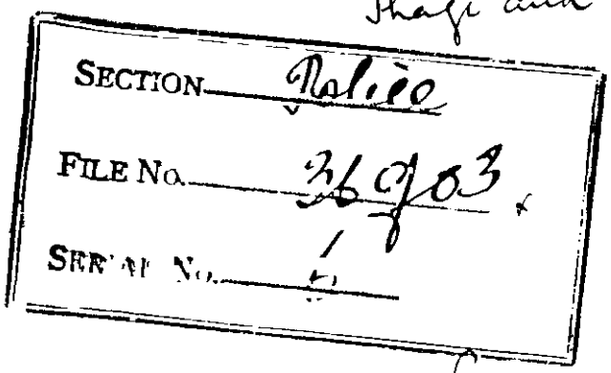

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